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IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THAT UNDERTAKING.  
BAHR SAID FRANKLY THAT THEN- FOREIGN MINISTER BRANDT  
HAD SUGGESTED THE MBFR IDEA AT THE REYKJAVIK MINISTERIAL  
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IN ORDER TO PROVIDE WASHINGTON ADDITIONAL ARROWS IN ITS QUIVER IN COMBATING THE MANSFIELD FORCES. BUT BAHR WAS CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD ONLY AGREE TO " COSMETIC REDUCTIONS"; HE ATTRIBUTED THIS RESTRAINED SOVIET APPROACH TO THE POLITICAL AND BUREAUCRATIC CLOUT OF THE RED ARMY. HE SAID THIS PERMITTED THE WEST, TO THE EXTENT IT SEEMED APPROPRIATE TO DO SO, TO PROPOSE JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN COSMETIC REDUCTIONS AND THEREBY INSURE THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD NEVER AGREE. COMMENT: BAHR SEEMED TO VIEW MBFR' S PURPOSE ESSENTIALLY IN TERMS OF COMBATTING PARLIAMENTARY PRESSURES. BUT BAHR ALSO IMPLIED A READINESS TO REACH SUCH AGREEMENTS AS WERE NECESSARY FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. END COMMENT.

4. WHEN ASKED WHETHERAD VISITED WARSAK MAY 22 AND FOUND CONDITIONS THERE " REASONABLY SATISFACTORY." DETAINEES APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND FAIR SPIRITS. WHILE DELEGATE HAD SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF MALTREATMENT OF DETAINEES, HE DID NOTE THAT HOUSING FACILITIES NEEDED SOME " MAINTENANCE." ( MARTIN SAID THIS WOULD BE NOTED IN ICRC REPORT AND GOP WOULD BE ASKED TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, HE FULLY EXPECTED GOP WOULD COMPLY RELATIVELY QUICKLY.)

2. MARTIN SAID ICRC DELEGATES SCHEDULED TO VISIT QADIRABAD CAMP ON MAY 26 AND LANDHI DETENTION CENTER A FEW DAYS LATER. HE NOTED THIS WAS PART OF NORMAL BUSINESS OF ICRC AND THAT, IN ADDITION, DELEGATES WOULD BE VISITING BENGALIEE PRISONERS IN JAILS SCATTERED AROUND COUNTRY, AS WELL AS BENGALIEE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN VARIOUS CANTONMENTS.

3. MARTIN SAID IT WAS STILL UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER RANKING BENGALIEES WOULD BE ALLOWED VISITORS, ALTHOUGH ICRC DELEGATE " HAD NO DIFFICULTY." GOP HAD INDICATED IN PRINCIPLE THAT FAMILIES OF WARSAK DETAINEES COULD JOIN HUSBANDS, BUT MARTIN BELIEVED MORE HOUSING WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE IF THIS WERE DONE BECAUSE PRESENT QUARTES WERE NOT LARGE ENOUGH. HE NOTED THAT " MANY " DETAINEES AT QADIRABAD HAD BEEN JOINED BY WIVES AND CHILDREN, AND SAID OTHER FAMILIES WERE DUE TO DEPART ISLAMABAD MAY 25 TO JOIN HUSBANDS THERE.

4. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO IMPENDING VISIT TO PAKISTAN MAY 26 OF UNHCR PRINCE SADRUDDIN KHAN. MARTIN  
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NOTED THAT UNHCR'S MANDATE, ACCORDING TO MFA SPOKESMAN, WAS TO ACT AS "EXECUTING AGENT" FOR UNSYG IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM OF REPATRIATION FOR ABOUT 15,000 BENGALEES FROM PAKISTAN, UP TO 6,000 WIVES AND CHILDREN OF PAKISTANI POW'S FROM INDIA AND PERHAPS 10,000-20,000 PAKISTANIS FROM BANGLADESH. MARTIN EXPRESSED SOME ANNOYANCE THAT GOP HAD LABELED REPATRIATIONS AS "EXCHANGE," BUT NOTED THIS GAVE UNHCR OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT DACCA, ISLAMABAD AND NEW DELHI AT A TIME WHEN HE (MARTIN) HOPED THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY OF MOVES WHICH "COULD" HELP MOVE ALONG SUBCONTINENTAL PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION. HE HOPED ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRESENT SITUATION TO PUSH GOVERNMENTS OF BANGLADESH, INDIA AND PAKISTAN TO TAKE FURTHER SUCH STEPS IN INTEREST OF NORMALIZATION. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO SEE PRINCE SADRUDDIN AND ASK HIM TO WEIGH IN STRONGLY WITH GOI AND GOP, URGING THEM TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS.

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